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## Senior Suffrage Month

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- WHEREAS, forty-seven percent of the population of Buncombe County is over 60 and there are 1.7 million seniors over 65 in the State of North Carolina; and
- WHEREAS, Buncombe County has twice as many adult care homes compared to other counties across the state with twenty percent of Buncombe's population in some form of assisted living; and
- WHEREAS, every senior and disabled citizen must have the opportunity to register and vote; and
- WHEREAS, senior and disabled voters can face physical and technical obstacles that could prevent them from casting their vote; however, these obstacles can be overcome with assistance from the community; and
- WHEREAS, volunteers have enabled hundreds of citizens to register to vote, change their addresses and request absentee ballots in Buncombe County; and
- WHEREAS, this Board finds that it is fitting and proper to recognize those who help our senior and disabled citizens access the proper forms making it possible to cast their vote.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That the month of September be proclaimed:

## SENIOR SUFFRAGE MONTH

in Buncombe County.

2. That this Board does hereby commend those organizations that perform voter drives and work tirelessly to remove the barriers for our senior and disabled citizens making sure they can cast their votes in a timely manner.
3. That this Board does hereby encourage all citizens to get out and vote and work to make voting possible for their senior and disabled neighbors.

This the \_\_\_ day of September, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE  
COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

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DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN